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Another Lot of New Jewellery.

Our last shipment is now in. Fine new goods in Watches and Jewellery, also in Sterling Silver Goods. Come now and pick out what you want and have it put away for you. We are selling everything of the best quality and guarantee it to be exactly as represented and our prices are the lowest.

Challoner, Mitchell & Co.

THE JEWELLERS, 47 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Present Opportunities

Opportunities to select presents for Xmas are afforded you this week in many profitable ways. Here are a few "opportunities" within the grasp of every gift-hunter—no "Munchausen"—just as you read it.

New Paisley Flannels, for Wrappers, 9 different patterns, very wide, 6 yards for \$1; a great holiday novelty. 250 doz. Japan Silk Handkerchiefs, 20c, 30c, 40c.

New Blouse Silks, very latest, 90c. Silk Belts, Black and Colors, 25c. New Gloves (Silk Stitch), 25c.

Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, starting at 10c. Specially fine assortment at 25c each.

Lacing Kid Gloves, Black and Browns, 90c. 210 doz. superior Hem Stitch Handkerchiefs, 60c doz.

Perrin Frere's celebrated Kid Gloves, every size, every color; every pair guaranteed.

30 pieces Heavy Cheviots, double fold, full dress for \$1.50 (6 yards).

—AND SO ON.

OPEN NIGHT

THE WESTSIDE.

J. HUTCHESON & CO.

Long Waiting Race.

BUT WE WIN BY A NECK.

Our choice Fruits have arrived and we can make you happy.

Finest Dehissas, Metz Fruits, Elme Figs, Jordan Almonds, Sultanas, Chrystallized Ginger, Valencias, Jap Oranges 55c box, Port & Sherry, 50c, Dewar's Scotch, N. & R. Champagne, \$15 per case, A choice assortment of Biscuits.

xi H. Ross & Co. Government St.

New Xmas Umbrellas

JUST OPENED.

STEEL RODS FROM \$1.00 TO \$12.00.

At Geo. R. Jackson's
57 Government Street.

Is as Democratic as a town pump.
It is the rich man's luxury, the poor man's friend.

TAMILKANDE TEA

This brand is a blend of Ceylon, Darjeeling and Breakfast Blend—the choice growth of three countries.

TRY IT
AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

ALL GROCERS

AROMA
FLAVOR
PURITY
ATTEMPT
"TWO CUPS IN ONE."

Tamilkande Tea Co.,
MONTREAL.

Simon Leiser & Co.
Agents, Victoria.

Gibson Mining and Milling Co'y.

Capital, \$600,000; Treasury, \$20,000 shares.

This company owns and operates the two claims "Gibson" and "Palouse," on the south fork of Kootenai river, near Kootenai. Three strong parallel veins traverse both claims a distance of 3,000 feet; all three of which veins are being worked at present. Seven men are now employed on the property, which force will be increased at an early date, and work will be vigorously prosecuted all winter. They are in 110 feet on the crest of Mt. No. 1 Lead, and have drifted on the Lead 40 feet; on the drift they have a 4-foot showing of very fine galena ore. They are working on the surface of No. 2 Lead; and on No. 3 they are in 35 feet and taking out ore. Smelter returns from a car of ore shipped from surface of No. 2 Lead, in January last, were 72 ounces silver, and 65 per cent. lead per ton. A recent telegram from Mr. Chas. Schell, the treasurer of the company, states that they have made a strike on the Gibson of ore running \$300.00 to the ton.

We have secured the sole agency for this company's stock, and have every confidence in recommending it to the investing public as a sure and safe investment. 25,000 shares are now offered at 10c. per share. Apply to—

British-Canadian Gold Fields Company, Ltd.,
41 FORT STREET, VICTORIA, B.C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ELEGANTLY furnished single or double rooms well heated. Mrs. W. H. Verno, 417-42.

WANTED—A servant girl to do general housework; wages \$10 per month; small family; no children; references required. Address P. O. Drawer 57, Victoria.

WOOD AND COAL for sale at current rates. Dry wood blocks suitable for any sized burner, delivered promptly to any part of the city. Your order solicited. A. C. HOWE, Telephone No. 40.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU—Situations secured and service obtained. Pioneer Bldg. Works, 70 Douglas street.

COAL—\$5 per ton, delivered; weight guaranteed. Munn, Holland & Co., 204 Broad street.

SHINGLES FOR SALE—Munn, Holland & Co., Broad street, opposite the Bland.

Vancouver Island Building Society.

The 2nd drawing for an appropriation will be held in Sir William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad street, on Thursday, December 24th, 1896, at 8 p.m.

See that your shares are in good standing. J. R. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST, 1897.

The municipal voters lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.

By order,
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office,
17th Dec., 1896.

FOR THE NORTH
Barbara Boscawin

Carrying Her Majesty's mail for Port Simpson and Way Port, via Vancouver, leaves

Friday, December 18th,
At 7 o'clock p.m., from Port's Wharf. For freight or passage apply to
CAPT. J. D. WARREN, Manager,
6 Truncheon Ave.

MINING SHARES FOR SALE

SLOCAN DISTRICT	Celtic Queen	Deer Park	Enterprise	Eric	Eureka	Evening Star	Great Western	Grand Prince	Good Hope	High Ore	Josie Mae	Justa Mae	Little Darling	Mabel	Mayflower	Monte Carlo	Murphy	Nest Egg	Norway	Novelty	Quartz	Revelstoke	Orphan Boy	Trail Creek	Caladonia
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

A. W. MORE & CO.
Mining Brokers, 70 Douglas Street

LAW INTELLIGENCE

A sitting of the county court was held this morning before Judge Harrison. The only case in which any defence was made was a Japanese one, which took up the whole of the forenoon, and eventually judgment for \$4.50 was obtained. Court will be held again to-morrow.

FROM THE CAPITAL

Report of the Interior Department
Giving the Past Year's Immigration Statistics.

Dismissals Following the Investigation into the Quebec Post Office Scandals

Ottawa, Dec. 17. (Special).—The official report by the interior department of the immigrants arriving in Canada for the season just closed is 21,341, compared with 21,888 last year. The number who settled in the Dominion, or announced their intention of doing so, was 14,127, and last year it was 14,019. Those en route to the United States numbered 7,214 and last year 5,319. The number who announced their destination as Manitoba and the Territories or British Columbia was 5,120, against 4,003 last season. Arrivals at Quebec were 18,105; Montreal 1,855 and 2,490 last year; and St. John, N. B., 523 compared with 200 last season.

(By Associated Press.)
J. B. Laberge, assistant postmaster at Quebec, has been dismissed by Hon. Mr. Mulock as a result of the investigation. He was held responsible for pushing through the post office campaign literature at the last election, and holding back L'Electeur and other Liberal publications. J. B. Gamble of the post-office inspector's office, has been appointed in his place.

Regarding the recent investigation at the Montreal postoffice, it is stated that action will not be so much for dismissals as reorganization of the management. It has been an open secret for some days that a number of orders-in-council dealing with dismissals are tied up with His Excellency. They were sent west when Lord Aberdeen was in British Columbia and an understanding will be arrived at when Lord Aberdeen meets the first minister. It is stated that the dismissals are of small officials, but the matter is raising much interest in the capital.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The Rev. A. M. Phillips, pastor of Douglas street Methodist church, and formerly of Euclid avenue Methodist church, Toronto, died at the general hospital to-day.

HERMANN DEAD.
The Great Magician Died Suddenly in His Private Car This Morning.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 17.—Hermann, the magician, died at 11 o'clock this morning in his private car on his way to Bradford, Pa. Hermann had just completed an engagement at the Lyceum in Rochester last night. Later he had been entertained at the Geneva Valley Club by a number of friends. Heart disease was the cause of death.

LABOR LEADERS.
Probable that All Officers of the Federation Will Be Re-elected.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17.—When President Gompers called the American Federation of Labor to order for the fourth day's session, the roll call showed a full attendance. There has been considerable canvassing to-day for the election of officers which takes place to-morrow afternoon. The general opinion is that all general officers will be re-elected, except Secretary Morrison, who is opposed by Frank Morrison, of Chicago, representative of the International Typographical Union.

ANARCHISTS SENTENCED.
The Punishment Imposed Kept Secret But Believed to Be Severe.

Barcelona, Dec. 16.—The court martial of the anarchists announced here to-day that the sentences imposed on the prisoners in the recent disturbances here have been concluded. The sentences imposed are kept secret and any one divulging them is to be severely punished. It is believed, however, that twenty-eight of the anarchists have been sentenced to death and 50 others to penal servitude. The outrage for which these men were tried was committed on June 7th last, during the religious procession of Corpus Christi. Just as the procession was entering the church of Santa Maria a bomb was thrown into the procession and exploded, killing six persons instantly and wounding 50 others, many of whom subsequently died of their injuries. An investigation by the police developed the fact that the outrage was the outcome of a plot by anarchists, having ramifications and directed from Paris. The culprits were arrested as a result of the discoveries made by the police.

RECEIVED A SHOCK AND STILL ANOTHER

An Earthquake This Morning Gave Great Britain a Terrible Scare.

Considerable Damage Done to Buildings in Different Parts of the Country.

London Escapes but Other Cities are Not Quite so Fortunate.

London, Dec. 17.—Great Britain is in the throes of a genuine and unprecedented sensation. An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this country, has shaken every shire from Durham to Surrey and from London to the Welsh coast. The subterranean disturbance was first noticed at 5 o'clock this morning and lasted from four to thirty seconds, and at many points two distinct shocks were experienced. The most severe shocks were felt at Chiltonham, Ledbury and Dean Forest. The earth shaking was accompanied by a loud rushing sound. The buildings were violently shaken, furniture shifted, doors thrown open and pictures and other ornaments upset. The inhabitants were panic stricken and fled from the houses in terror. The earthquake was also felt at Birmingham and various points in Shropshire, and was violent in Worcester and the country surrounding. Houses were rocked and furniture overturned.

The shocks were followed by a tremor of the earth and accompanied by a rumbling sound. At some points persons on the country roads, who were going to work were thrown down and a number of people were thrown out of their beds. Hereford Cathedral was injured by the severe shock felt at that place. There was a dull rumbling beneath the earth's surface followed by two terrific crashes and terrible lifting and rocking. The panic at Hereford was so great that one woman died from fright. People rushed wildly into the streets, many chimneys fell crashing in to the thoroughfares and all the pinnacles of St. Nicholas church toppled over and a part of the pinnacle of the cathedral fell to the ground. At Liverpool the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful hail storm. In London the earthquake was only slightly felt. A singular phenomena occurred at Bridge North near Shrewsbury previous to the disturbance. The streets suddenly seemed to be on fire and there was a violent report accompanied by earth shaking. People going to their work in that vicinity say they were for a time unable to walk owing to the vibration. There was great excitement among the rustics about Poole, who thought the end of the world had come.

Houses shook for nearly a minute at Bristol and Clyde, causing much alarm in those places. At Eversham the earthquake shock was followed by a brilliant light in the sky. Up to Tuesday the weather in England was unusually mild, but Tuesday there was a sudden change to severe frost, followed by dense fogs and snow on Wednesday. In the mining districts the first thought was that the shocks were the result of colliery explosions. This belief prevailed for some time afterwards. The disturbance was experienced with violence at Warwick Castle. The Earl of Warwick was awakened and felt his bed lifted as though by some force beneath it, and the furniture of his room was shifted.

TOLD BY CABLE.

Mrs. Coleman-Drayton Married This Morning—Other Events.

London Dec. 17.—Mrs. Coleman Drayton, the eldest daughter of Mrs. William Astor, who some time ago obtained a divorce from her husband on the ground of desertion and non-support, was married at one o'clock this afternoon, by special license, at St. Columbia church, to George Haig, of the firm of Haig & Haig, D.D., pastor of St. Columbia, of London.

A German banker named Henssler was murdered last night close to the town gates at Tangiers, Morocco. In the Prussian upper house to-day the vice-president announced that Prince Solms-Hohensolms-Lich, who was yesterday elected president of that body, had declined the honor, pleading that he was suffering from heart disease and therefore compelled to abstain from all business.

It is officially announced that there has been 1500 cases of bubonic plague in Bombay and 1004 deaths from the disease up to date. The epidemic from Bombay continues. It is stated that 300,000 persons have fled from the city.

This Time the Report from Havana is That Maceo Was Killed by Guerrillas.

He was Led to Believe They Were Friends and Discovered His Error Too Late.

How Spanish Soldiers Beat Wounded Insurgents on the Battle Field.

Havana, via Key West, Dec. 17.—The following are full details gleaned by careful investigation among those who took part in the killing of Antonio Maceo: After crossing the trocha by land, as has been indicated in the previous dispatches to the Associated Press, Maceo and his staff, it appears, encamped in the hills, and expecting the arrival of Cuban reinforcements under Brigadier General Sanchez and others were ordered by General Aguirre to proceed on foot to the east. Major Ciriuela was totally ignorant of Maceo's presence in the district, believing him to be still west of the trocha, but learning that a Spanish fort in San Pedro had been fired upon that morning by the insurgents, he started out on a reconnoitering tour at the head of the remnant of the San Quentin battalion accompanied by a force of guerrillas under Captain Peril. The latter's men were dressed in a manner very similar to that of the insurgents and they marched in the vanguard of the Spanish column. Mistaking these for Sanchez's vanguard, challenges having been made and counterchallenges given satisfactorily, Maceo, surrounded by the members of his staff and a handful of followers advanced with all confidence to meet their friends when the guerrillas received them with a volley. Maceo fell at the first fire, and the men, temporarily disconcerted with surprise, retired by flanks. Young Gomez, though he had been previously wounded at the trocha, and still had his arm in a sling, assisted as the engagement became general, dragging his chief to a place of temporary safety on the grass and remained by his side until, realizing that they had been abandoned, Gomez wrote a note to his parents, which has been previously telegraphed to the Associated Press. Then he committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. After the fight the Spanish scout Santana, accompanied by the bugler of the San Quentin battalion, while reconnoitering the field in quest of documents and other objects of importance or value, ran upon the body of Maceo, who was still alive. As the bugler pulled a ring from his finger, Maceo asked in an agonized tone if they were Spaniards or Cubans. "Spaniards," said the bugler, and as he raised his machete the dying chief said: "I die for Cuba and independence." As the knife came down almost severing the victim's head from his body, the scout, interposing, remarked, "That man resembles Maceo." "Impossible," responded the bugler, "Maceo is in Pinar del Rio." The scout insisted at least that it was a chief of some importance, and trying the body by the feet to his horse's tail, proceeded towards camp. In the meantime the insurgents, learning that their chief's body was in Spanish hands, evidently reinforced, rallied and made a new attack and succeeded in recovering the body. The Spanish officers, unaware of its importance, cut it loose, as an unnecessary impediment. Thus it seems that Ciriuela did not know his forces had encountered and killed Maceo till after reaching Guatiao at nightfall and reading the documents, etc. The full statement of Dr. Zertuche has been allowed to be telegraphed even to Madrid. It develops that Maceo, last winter, in charge in Pinar del Rio and Havana provinces with the object of assisting in carrying out the plans of Gomez for the reorganization of the forces in the central provinces and form an army of from 10,000 to 20,000 men and prepare for a final and decisive blow intended to end the war. It is alleged that Maceo considered the trocha a good thing for the insurgents, and it would indirectly be an aid in carrying out Gomez's plans. Gomez complimented Maceo upon the manner in which his organization in Pinar del Rio has been effected by the formation of battalions and regiments, the distribution of arms by zones, putting on a war footing 12,000 men, establishing shops, salt works and hospitals, and keeping up the communication frequently by small boats to the Florida coast.

Madrid, Dec. 17.—It is reported that the Duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, has received the full text of President Cleveland's message. The Spanish colony at Uruguay has offered Spain a man-of-war. The government of San Domingo has received 200 rifles and 10,000 cartridges destined for Cuba.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Polish National Alliance \$500 was appropriated to aid Cuba. It was decided to collect \$2000 more for the same purpose among the Polish citizens of Chicago. Resolutions of grief for the death of General Maceo and sympathy for the cause of Cuba were also adopted.

HARDLY LIKELY.

Report That Male Population of Anguilla Will Fight for Cuba.

Port Angeles, Wash., Dec. 17.—The Cuban Junta has a representative in this city who has succeeded in recruiting eighty-five young men for the Cuban army. They are prepared to leave for the east on receiving transportation, which has been promised by the Junta.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Van Horne Denies That He is to Retire from the Presidency of C. P. R.

Big Freight Steamer to be Built for the Atlantic-Tariff Commission.

Hamilton, Dec. 16.—What will probably prove to be the last important event in the history of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo railway as an independent enterprise except the actual change which is anticipated on January 1, took place this morning in the running of trains over the spur line for the first time. It was making history for Hamilton, as the city will be greatly benefited by the increased railway facilities which will come by the opening of the spur. The connection between the Grand Trunk Track and the spur was made yesterday, and the importance of this morning's proceedings was signified by the presence of such men as Sir William Van Horne, of the C.P.R., President Ledyard of the M.C.R., and Superintendent Van Etten, of the N. Y. C., and a number of other railway magnates. They went over the spur line to the connection with the G.T.R. track, and they were pleased with what they saw. They would not say when the regular running of trains would begin, but they stated that the details would be all arranged shortly, this trip being made for the purpose of inspecting the road with a view of working out the details. Sir William Van Horne was asked as to the probable time when trains would be running regularly over the spur, but would not give a definite answer. In regard to the rumor about his probable resignation of the presidency of the C. P. R., he said there was no truth in it.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The tariff commission opened its session in Montreal today. Hon. Mr. Patterson, and Sir Oliver Mowat were absent, but Mr. Tarte was on hand to assist Mr. Fielding and Sir Richard Cartwright. G. W. Sadler, for the leather belting manufacturers and tanners, asked that the duty, which was reduced some time ago from 25 to 20 per cent, be once more placed at the old figure.

Messrs. H. & A. Allan have let a contract for a 10,000 ton freight steamer, the *Aylmer*, Dec. 16.—C. D. Fuller's grain elevator has been destroyed by fire.

Woodstock, Dec. 16.—Martha Bengler, a respectable connected young woman has been arrested on a charge of setting fire to the house and stable of F. Cox.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—It is said here that J. F. Caldwell, of Winnipeg, has received a second offer of a million and a quarter dollars for the Sultana mine at Rat Portage, from an English syndicate through their Toronto agents. Mr. Caldwell has already refused an offer of one million.

ANOTHER RUSH EXPECTED.

Large Area of Land in Oregon to be Thrown Open to Settlers.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—"Seekers after homes will divert their thoughts from Oklahoma and the Indian Territory," said Maj. Chase Worden, agent of the United States at Klamath, Ore., "and rush to Klamath as soon as the Indians have been allotted their lands in severity. When this is done about 1,850,000 of as fertile and beautiful acres as any in the world will become a part of the public domain and subject to homestead entry.

Since June, 1894, Major Worden has been in Oregon, erecting schools and parceling out lands for the Indians to hold under the government's co-operative plan devised for the 7th and 8th Major Worden is on his way to Oregon, but will remain in San Francisco for a few days in consultation with the members of the Klamath boundary commission now in the city.

SOLUTION OF STRIKE-PROBLEM.

Employees of the Illinois Central Purchase the Company's Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The Illinois Central officials have before them the applications of 1,500 employees of that road who desire to purchase the company's stock. These applications are coming in at the rate of between 250 and 300 a month, and indicate strong desire on the part of the working force of the road to be in full harmony with the management department. The Illinois Central employs 22,000 persons. The stock of the company is quoted in the neighborhood of \$3. More than one-fourth of the employees of the company are now stockholders, and it is thought one-half will soon be enrolled. If the success of the plan of making the employees financially interested with the executive, it is believed the company has taken an important step in the direction of solving the strike problem, and teaching the laboring classes the value of economy.

Large manufacturing and corporate concerns are addressing the Illinois Central for information as to how the scheme has worked, and if it can be applied to other interests.

DEFECTIVE ARMOUR PLATE

Condemnation of a Large Part of the Stock now at Newport News.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 16.—The Herald from Newport News, Va., says: "Not results of the experiments of the board, which is investigating, battleship steel, may be summed up briefly as equivalent to the condemnation of nearly the whole amount now stacked up in the Newport News Company's shipbuilding yard. Six out of twelve test pieces, which should have been folded back on the vessels without breaking, either broke off short or readily as cast iron, or tore apart with less brittleness, but none the less certain evidence of failing to meet the contract requirements.

The board held a private consultation, at the end of which the following conclusion was reached:

Specimens are to be taken from upward of seventy plates on Wednesday next. The board will reconvene at the Newport News shipyard to prosecute

further tests and on Thursday and Friday the specimens will be pulled at the Norfolk navy yard.

On Saturday the board will meet again at Newport News and it will then decide what further inquiry and experiments are necessary.

PETRIFYING BODIES.

Two Chicago Men Think They Have Made a Discovery.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Charles D. and Frank D. Baydston, of this city, think they have discovered a method for turning human bodies into stone, and preserving them forever. In the basement of their establishment there is a body of a young woman who died on July 13th last. This body since it was treated by them appears to be imperishable. In the upper room of the establishment is another body of a woman, who died on August 22, which appears also to have become petrified. The brothers have been experimenting years but the discovery of the process of petrification was in some respects an accident. Eight or ten months ago they began to treat bodies with a preparation similar to the one they now believe to be petrifying, with such encouraging results that they kept up the experiments.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Big Fund to be Raised to Agitate for an Eight Hour Law.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 16.—The second day's session of the sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was called to order by President Gompers with all the 125 delegates present. Committees were called for reports. The committee on credentials asked further time to consider the case of Woodbury vs. Pomeroy, president of the Waiters' Association.

The hottest ever-unsettling President Ryan, of the corncob workers, was referred to the grievance committee. It is proposed to make the final settlement at this convention of this old fight. Because of the alleged insubordination of the Corncob Workers' Association their charter was annulled.

Most of the agitation is for an effective eight-hour law and the establishment of a defense fund with a charge of two cents per capita, which, with a membership of over 600,000, would make a large fund.

Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

THE LUMBERMEN.

Resolutions passed at the Meeting Held at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—At the meeting of lumbermen the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, The placing of lumber on the free list by the existing tariff not only promotes ruinous competition on lumber from Canadian mills, but discriminates against lumber as compared with other manufactures; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this convention, representing the entire lumber industry of the United States in all lines, respectfully petition congress to place lumber on the dutiable list; and be it further—

"Resolved, That each lumber dealer in the United States be urged to furnish to senators of his state and congressmen of his district, full information in regard to the needs of the lumber industry, to the end that they can be consistently assisted in the passage of this measure; finally,

"Resolved, That each lumber dealer in recognize the fact that unjust discrimination prevails in some countries in South America and elsewhere against American lumber, and that we are entirely opposed to such unjust discrimination; and we invoke the aid of the United States congress for the purpose of removing the same, either by reciprocity or otherwise.

A MESSAGE TO MEN.

Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist.

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful folly, excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to assist any fellow being to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind; but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely on being cured and the proud satisfaction of having been of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Send 5 c. silver to cover postage and address, Mr. George G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

FUNERAL OF SALVINI.

Immense Crowds Attend the Funeral at Florence Yesterday.

Florence, Dec. 16.—The funeral of Alexander Salvini took place today. The ceremony was most imposing. The coffin was buried beneath floral offerings and the local authorities and notable artists as well as delegations from numerous artistic associations were present. The father of the deceased actor, Tommaso Salvini, has received many messages of condolence from Italy, America and elsewhere.

Ask your grocer for

Windsor Salt
For Table and Dairy, Perfect and Best

That

Extreme tired feeling afflicts nearly everybody at this season. The hustlers cease to push, the tireless grow weary, the energetic become enervated. You know just what we mean. Some men and women endeavor temporarily to overcome that

Tired

Feeling by great force of will. But this is unsafe, as it pulls powerfully upon the nervous system, which will not long stand such strain. Too many people "work on their nerves," and the result is seen in unfortunate wrecks marked "nervous prostration," in every direction. That tired

Feel-

ing is a positive proof of thin, weak, impure blood; for, if the blood is rich, red, vitalized and vigorous, it imparts life and energy to every nerve, organ and tissue of the body. The necessity of taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for that tired feeling is, therefore, apparent to every one, and the good it will do you is equally beyond question. Remember that

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Cures Old Chronic Cases where all other remedies fail. Be sure and ask your Druggist for

BRISTOL'S Sarsaparilla

The Past
is dim and black—it has a shadow for the past. When I recall the past I recall that I was a poor, complaining, immature, irresolute man. I recalled nights of quiet yet fearful tortures and days and days of indecision.

That Was
before I used the remedies of the Hudson Medical Institute. THAT WAS before I had taken the great Hudyen. I found Hudyen was indeed a wonderful specific. I found new life in the great Hudyen. I found Hudyen does cure cases of weakness.

The Present
that Hudyen is a most wonderful rejuvenator. It is a power. It cures certain cases of nervous debility, nervous exhaustion, weakness, liver and kidney complaints. If you suffer as I did write to the old doctors for circulars and testimonials of the great Hudyen and you will get them FREE.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Peter Johnson, deceased intestate, and in the Matter of the "Official Administrators' Act." Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by Mr. Justice Walker, dated the 11th day of November, 1896, the undersigned has been appointed administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above deceased. Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, 1896, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

WM. MONTEITH, Official Administrator.

THE BOYS' CENTRAL

Pupils of This School Were To-Day
Dismissed for Their Christ-
mas Holidays.

Oral Examinations in the Different
Rooms—Promotion and
Prize List.

A goodly number of parents and friends were interested spectators of the closing exercises of the Boys' Central school this morning. Oral examinations were held in the different rooms from 9:30 to 10:45 and then all the children assembled in the gymnasium, where the promotion lists were read and prizes distributed. Below are the names of those promoted and the prize winners:

PROMOTION LIST.

From Second to First Division, J. F. Sallaway, teacher—Frederic Rendall, James Russell, Horace Mansell, John Holderforth, William Stebbins, Dale Ewart, Thomas Brooker, George Kelly, Cornelius Soile, Herbert Leiser, Percy Keeler, Walter Steers, Clinton Cameron, Francis Moore, Clifford Pinceo, William Loat, Nello Smith.

From Second to Third Division, A. W. Curry teacher—Edwin Kelly, Allan Wilson, Hugh Winsby, William Calderwood, Cecil Jamieson, Arthur Dodds, Ralph Wales, Joseph McTeigh, Herbert Glass, Alexander Smith, Sidney Winsby, Ernest Bragg, George Anderson, William Baineswell, Cuthbert Keeler.

From Fourth to Third Division, Miss E. E. Sylvester, teacher—Harvey Sexsmith, Jeffere Cunningham, Frank Walker, Leopold Freeman, William Maynard, William Dooley, Fritz Homan, Robert Dickinson, Stephen Tanner, Andrew Neelands, Arthur Holley, Joseph Kinlock, Albert Harrison, Ralph Netherby, Walter Walker, William Drysdale, Edward Nason, Rosa Penn, Herbert McEwen, Herbert Gillies, William Owen, John Dooley, Garnet Merryfield, Alfred Lemon.

From Fifth to Fourth Division, Miss G. H. Fawcett, teacher—Clifford Rogers, Frederick Jenkins, Harry Jones, David Herbert, Clarence Rogers, Thomas Nute, Ernest Maynard, Leslie Bell, Allen Loat, William Lawton, Percy Wallis, Ceaser Wilson, Noel Bridges, Charles Kinkade, John Henderson, Robert O'Brien, John Bullock, Isaac Rossman, Francis Devore, Milton Seelie.

From Sixth to Fifth Division, Miss C. C. Christie, teacher—Balter Whitcroft, Lawrence Macrae, Edmund Thierault, Daryl Kent, Arthur Malloy, Bertie Matthews, Willie Boyce, Herbert Brown, August Carne, James Stewart, Robert Malcolm, Michael Conlin, James Petticrew.

From Seventh to Sixth Division, Miss Edith Jesse, teacher—John Herbert Lough, Norman Carmichael, Albert Stone, Allan Bennett, Everett Wilson, Harry Henderson, Oliver Nason, Victor Marks, Wilbert Watson, Harrison Rogers, William Munro, Frederick Taylor, Colin Wilson, Kenneth Rodd.

From Eighth to Seventh Division, W. N. Winsby, teacher—Arne Brechtford, Hugh Mowat, Frederick Walker, Warren Wait, Harry Robinson, James Carter, Oliver Dunaway, Joseph Lund, William Pretty, John Brooker, Stanley Creed, Alfred Carter, Edward King, Norman Croughan.

From Chert Class to First Primer, W. N. Winsby, teacher—Cory Rannerman, John Johnson, Frederick Emery, Frederick Carne, Otto Dunaway, George Spence, Percy Maltrey, Bjarne Brandson, Reginald McFarlane, William McNeill, Kenneth Dalby, Henry McGregor, Herman Shade, Arthur Snider, Patrick Halley, William Jarvis, Edward McDonald, George Ford, Angus McInnes, Delmar Hodner, Joseph Davison, Adam Scott, William Scott.

PRIZE LIST.

Sixth Division—Deportment, Daryl Kent; Geography, Arthur Malloy; Arithmetic, Bertie Matthews; grammar, Lawrence Macrae.

TAXATION IN FRANCE.

Since peasant proprietorship has been instituted in France, and the empire abolished in favor of a republic of liberty, equality and fraternity, the idea has been gaining ground throughout the world that French citizens are the most prosperous, and, therefore, the happiest of Europeans. The notion may be correct, but before adopting it definitely one would do well to hear what there is to be said on the other side, and Paul de Cassagnac has just said it in language that is very moderate compared with the eloquent statistics he quotes concerning the taxes which the citizens pay his "chère republique."

"When I awake in the morning," he says, "I strike a match and remember that I pay duty on matches. I then light my candle, having, of course, paid a duty on candles. Jumping out of bed I run to the window for a breath of fresh air, and reflect that there is a tax on every door and window in every house in France. I turn to my toilet basin, and remember that the impost on soap and every other article I employ. I next take a walk in my garden—ground tax. I light a cigar or take a pinch of snuff—duty on tobacco. At breakfast I find that the wood or coal that has helped to make my coffee has paid octroi, and if I may be importunate, the table on which I sit, and the chair on which I sit, have likewise paid entrance dues; the cups and saucers have been imprinted in the same manner. I then turn to my plate. Whether I partake of beef, mutton, venison, pork or veal, I must pay the octroi. I am fond of salads—the salt, pepper, vinegar and oil I use in preparing them are subjected to a tax; and it matters not whether I drink cider or perry, I have to pay the state its share all the same. After lunch I take a coffee with a drop of eau de vie, and swallow thereby three taxes at one draught, viz: the coffee, the alcohol.

"After this I harness my horse and pay the republic for the privilege, besides which I again pay on the hay and oats he has eaten and the straw in which he has slept. If I go out for a drive, it implies a new tax. If I

mount a bicycle, another tax of 10¢. If I go hunting, one tax; if I buy gunpowder to frighten the sparrows from my orchard another. I meet a friend, and we repair to a cafe to have a game of billiards, and forget this vexatious taxation, but find that we must pay an impost on the billiards. I put down the cue, disheartened, and take up a pack of cards, but am at once confronted by a tax upon cards. I finally feel that all this is preying on my mind, so I go and weigh my body to see how much flesh I have lost, but I have first to pay the tax on weights and measures, to which all citizens are liable. One of my sisters is a nun, therefore she must pay a tax for her costume. I wish to let my rooms and run away from it all, and I stick up an announcement to that effect on my door, but on this there is a fresh tax—and so on, without end."

M. de Cassagnac counts up 119 different taxes to which he and his fellow citizens are liable, and this list by no means exhausts the number. In former times, he adds, when the system of titles prevailed, it seemed much to have to pay a tenth; but at least this much could be said of it—that it was paid only on what you actually gathered and possessed, and if you had no wheat or wine you had no taxes. To-day you must pay even if all the plagues of Egypt had come and destroyed your last blade of grass. Wheat may come and wine may go, but the taxes go on forever.

also pains in the head. I tried many medicines that were recommended to me, but never received any benefit (fresh them. At last I was advised to use Paine's Celery Compound and before I finished the first bottle I experienced a happy change. I continued using Paine's Celery Compound till I had taken five bottles, which made a perfect cure.

"I can heartily recommend the use of Paine's Celery Compound to any one suffering from the same troubles. You have my best wishes for the future success of your excellent medicine."

Mr. Allen Outhouse, Justice of the Peace, says: "I can certify that the above statement is true in every particular."

A GREAT FRENCH LIGHTHOUSE.

The penetrating powers and ranges of powerful lights such as are employed in lighthouse service, rapidly decrease as the ratio of luminous power increases. For instance, a light of 5,000,000 candle power in the English channel, in average weather, has a luminous range of about 4 nautical miles, while if the light be increased to 10,000,000 candle power, the light is only 7.50 wasroadol the luminous range is only five miles more, or 49 miles. According to current practice, lights up to 200,000 candle power are obtained by means of mineral oil lamps, while electric lights are used for higher powers, and almost any power

CANADIAN ALMANAC.

The 1897 number of this well known publication has been issued, this being its fiftieth year. It also has been increased to 354 pp. Among the new features are, a short history of Canada, giving the main events in Canadian history, chronologically arranged, an historical diary of the years 1895-96, and an interesting article on the King's Loyalists. The regular departments of the Almanac have been brought up to date, among them being that invaluable postoffice gazetteer of the Dominion. The official directory has been carefully revised, and contains a full list of clerical, militia, government officials, both Dominion and provincial, county and municipal officers, schools and colleges, barristers and solicitors, notaries, etc. Among other information is a list of banks and branches, customs tariff, and an article on the government of all countries in the world, by Dr. Boornet. The usual mass of interesting statistics and astronomical calculations is given, and the Almanac is embellished with engravings of prominent persons and public buildings. The price remains the same as in previous years, namely, 20¢ in paper covers, and 30 cents in limp cloth.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is weak and nervous, and uses Carter's Iron Pills, she cannot be, for they make her "feel like a different person," so they all say, and their husbands say so too!

which Liege is the centre the values of plant and output have been quadrupled in his time, and, though there is much discontent at the inequalities of the rewards distributed, his personal influence has, on the whole, kept the district in a tolerably peaceful state. Compared with its neighbors, Belgium has done very well. It is not as rich as Holland, on the other hand, comfortable living is twice as cheap, and by contrast with French Flanders, Belgium is contented and prosperous.

"My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. H. Wells, of Chesley, Ont. He also had a touch of diabetes. The doctors could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured him.

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RESOURCES OF INDIA.

At the London Society of Arts, recently, Major-General Sir Owen Tudor Burne delivered an address on "India: Its Arts, Manufactures and Commerce." The Indian empire, he reminded his hearers, was protected by a military force which numbered about 73,000 Europeans and 146,000 native troops, besides 30,000 volunteers; it was

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Yates Street between Douglas and Wharf is closed to traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
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By order,
E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

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As we are closing out our fire business by auction, all parties indebted to us must settle their accounts before December 31st, 1896, otherwise they will be placed in court for collection.

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THE "CONCERT" OF THE PROVINCES.

THE CHAIRMAN (calmly ignoring a few sectarian cat-calls from the "extreme" gallery)
—"The school question item having been disposed of, we will now proceed with the programme." (Loud and hearty applause.)

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By a Justice of the Peace.

Another Victory in Nova Scotia.

Paine's Celery Compound Does the
Good Work After Other
Medicines Fail.

The majority of people cured by Paine's Celery Compound have been levied on my plate. Whether I partake of beef, mutton, venison, pork or veal, I must pay the octroi. I am fond of salads—the salt, pepper, vinegar and oil I use in preparing them are subjected to a tax; and it matters not whether I drink cider or perry, I have to pay the state its share all the same. After lunch I take a coffee with a drop of eau de vie, and swallow thereby three taxes at one draught, viz: the coffee, the alcohol.

"After this I harness my horse and pay the republic for the privilege, besides which I again pay on the hay and oats he has eaten and the straw in which he has slept. If I go out for a drive, it implies a new tax. If I

may thus be obtained. The highest power ever attempted is about 36,000,000 at Denmark Point, in the department of Finistère, France, which, when completed, will be the most powerful lighthouse illumination in the world. The height of the tower in which it is to be located is about 63 metres, enabling it to be seen during the day from a distance of 18 miles in fine weather. During the night the light will be visible for 20 miles. The rotundity of the earth will prevent the rays from striking the eye directly at a distance of more than 30 miles, but the sky overhead will appear illuminated for 30 miles. The estimated cost of this lighthouse is about \$120,000.

Is a dangerous disease. It may lead directly to consumption. Catarrh is caused by impure blood, and the true way to cure it is by purifying the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh because it removes the cause of it by purifying the blood. Thousands testify that they have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

HOOD'S PILLS are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists, 25c.

The verdict of epicures all over the world has been given in favor of Yorkshire Relish.

DESERTED WIVES IN KANSAS.

What strange things, explains Harper's Weekly, one hears about Kansas! Topeka is a city of about 35,000 inhabitants, and is credited with having over 400 deserted wives, who appeal to charitable organizations for work or help for themselves and their children. A charitable society which is quoted as the source of this statement attributes the state of things to hard times "and the general worthlessness of the men."

Matters are made worse by the frequency of divorce, which is cheap and abundant in Topeka, on easy grounds. It was in Topeka that the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association met on November 12th, and decided to grant Kansas women the right to vote for President.

A WORKING MONARCH.

The King of the Belgians has worked for over thirty years, with the diligence and devotion to routine of a managing bank clerk, at the task of making Belgium which is called a paying concern. With respect to Antwerp and the seaport business generally, his labors have been crowned with a notable success. In the great mining industrial belt of

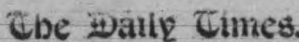
irrigated by nearly 41,000 miles of canals, traversed by nearly 20,000 miles of railways, and covered with a network of about 46,000 miles of telegraph line. There was now 144 cotton mills (containing 34,000 looms and 3,700,000 spindles) in India, employing 140,000 hands. There were also 29 jute mills, with 10,000 looms and 200,000 spindles, employing 75,000 hands, and 2,500 rice, paper, tobacco and other mills and factories, which employed some 300,000 more. Breweries, also, of which there were 22, were flourishing. Before the English became the ruling power in India the country did not possess £1,000,000 a year of staples for exportation. She now sold to the world about £70,000,000 of staples.

—Lamb's Wool Baby Buggy Robes, also a line of thoroughly well-dyed Sheep skin Mats. You have asked for these many times. We can now supply. Weiler Bros.

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Kodaks at Fleming Bros., Govt. at
Many articles suitable for Xmas
Presents at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80
Douglas street.

Segher's Council, No. 85, Y. M. I.
will hold the fifth of their progressive
whist parties this evening.

Blank books, memo. books and a
nice line of stationery at wholesale
prices, Johnston's, Kirk Block.

The All Wool Ball Fringes are im-
ported by Weller Bros., especially for
Art Serge Curtains and Draperies, but
are useful for other work.

A slim pocketbook will not hinder
you from having a fine rain coat on
Xmas day for we are selling them at
cost to clear. John Partridge, Lan-
downe House, 80 Yates street. Show
room upstairs.

In a word, we know it and the
same knowledge will be yours. We are
selling off all our trimmed and un-
trimmed millinery 25 per cent. less than
the marked price. John Partridge, Lan-
downe House, 80 Yates street. Show
room upstairs.

A large meeting was held at the pub-
lic hall, Cobble Hill, on Wednesday
evening for the purpose of electing a
road foreman for the coming year. Mr.
P. J. Hall was elected chairman and Mr.
Wm. Kinnear secretary. Mr. J. Greig
was elected road foreman by a majority
of three votes.

J. P. Kavanaugh, of Portland, Ore.,
grand president of the Northwest
Grand Council of the Young Men's In-
stitute, will pay an official visit to
Segher's Council No. 85 on January 2nd.
Segher's Council at its last regular
meeting decided to hold an open meet-
ing on the date of his official visit in
their hall on View street. Grand Pres-
ident Kavanaugh is one of the leading
members of the legal profession in
Portland.

In the United States Circuit Court
at Seattle yesterday Judge Hanford
declared that the whiskey seized from the
cargo of the Umatilla was consigned to
Alaska in contravention of the laws of
that territory. He ordered it to be sold
and the proceeds turned over to the
United States treasury. This was the
whiskey concealed in barrels of sugar
on the Umatilla. While being unloaded
one of the "sugar" barrels was broken
and a keg of liquor rolled out. The
customs officers investigated and found
24 gallons of the contraband article.

John Plow, a half-breed from Ful-
ford Harbor, Salt Spring Island, was
brought to the city by Constable Ego
of Sidney this morning, and locked up
in the provincial station. He was charged
with stealing two pieces of iron from
the Toronto and British Columbia Saw
Mill at Sidney. Plow entered the mill
last evening and placing the iron in his
boat started for Salt Spring. Constable
Ego was notified, and he started after
him. He caught him about a mile
from shore. Plow says that he was
asked to get the iron by a third party.

The Rossland Miner says: "The Nancy
Love, Lone Jack and Silver Bell frac-
ture are the properties included in the
Silver Bell group. They cover nearly
30 acres of ground. A shaft is now
down 47 feet and several tons of ore
have been taken out, some of which has
been sacked for shipment. This ore car-
ries gold, silver and lead. Some of it is
very rich in all these metals, carrying a
total value of over \$100 per ton. The ore
comes to the surface in strings, all of
which pitch into the hill. One of these
strings, widened out to about three
feet in a depth of five or six feet. No
attempt has been made to take out
ore in the sinking of the shaft. It is
being run down on an incline against a
perfect hanging wall. When a depth of 50 feet is
secured a cross cut will be run back to
wards the foot wall, and it is believed
that this will show that the several small
veins of this rich ore have been con-
solidated into one large vein. If this cross
cut is satisfactory in its results a long
tunnel will be started lower down the
hill and the vein cut at a depth of two
hundred feet or more. A very high as-
say was had from Silver Bell ore yester-
day. A sample taken from the bottom of
the shaft went 190 ounces in silver,
worth \$123.50 per ton and 65 per cent.
lead, worth \$32.50 per ton. No tests
were made for gold and copper. The
total value in silver and lead was \$150
per ton."

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POWDER
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A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free
from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Members of the Fifth Regiment foot-
ball club are requested to turn out for
a club run at 5:30 this evening.

The Capt. McCallum libel case was
again adjourned in the police court this
morning, neither side appearing.

The Queen of Sauces and the un-
failing resource of every economical
housekeeper is Yorkshire Relish.

"Southern California—the Italy of
America," was the subject of Mr. W. T.
Cooksey's lecture at Temperance Hall
last evening.

As the result of a family squabble,
William Payne was this morning in the
police court bound over to keep the
peace for six months.

In addition to the work of relieving
distress the Friendly Help Association
has decided to provide poor children, as
far as possible, with school books.

The Christmas dinner of the mar-
ried Chinese women and their children
will be given in the Chinese Home on
the 24th inst.

A very successful sale of work was
conducted by the ladies of the Reformed
Episcopal church yesterday afternoon,
supplemented by an excellent musical
programme in the evening.

Why carry old line life insurance
when much more desirable protection
can be secured at less than one-third
the cost in the safe, solid and reliable
Maccabees of the World.

Principal Tait and Mr. Stephenson
of Victoria West school, distributed yester-
day among the needy of that suburb,
the generous contributions of the school
children.

A dispatch from Belleville states
that W. A. Chapman, whose wife was
killed at Medicine Hat, left on Tuesday
for that place. He will accompany the
body to Victoria, where it will be in-
terred.

A meeting of the Council of the
British Columbia Board of Trade will
be held to-morrow morning for the
purpose of electing a vice-president, receiv-
ing reports of the standing committees
and transacting any other business.

In the police court this morning
a boy named Ferguson was charged with
throwing stones and otherwise annoy-
ing residents of Francis avenue. He
was convicted, but allowed to go under
suspended sentence.

On Monday next, Auctioneer Har-
daker, acting under instructions from
Collector Milne, will sell at the outer
wharf at 11 a.m., a quantity of aban-
doned goods, consisting of champagne,
wine samples, cigs, cigars, tea, mer-
chandise, etc., and square sales from
the ship Janet Cowan.

The Alaska Searchlight states that
it has learned upon reliable authority
that much liquor finds its way into Alas-
ka from Port Simpson. The Search-
light claims that this year's importations
by that route will amount to
21,000 gallons valued at \$52,000. This
of course pays no duty and no internal
revenue tax.

At the band concert to be given in
the drill hall on Saturday evening, Lieut-
enant-Governor Dewdney will present
Robert McLean and William Laing with
the special silver medals forwarded to
Mr. Herbert Kent by the Royal Humane
Society. Messrs. McLean and Laing
rescued the Messrs. Gill from the waters
of the Straits about a year ago.

Alfred Langley, who has been mas-
querading among the disorderly houses
of Chatham street as a special detective
employed by the churches, to see that
the Chief and his men were doing their
duty, appeared in the police court this
morning, charged with vagrancy. He
defended himself with more energy
than civility, and was remanded until
to-morrow, as he told the magistrate he
could secure several prominent people
who would give him a "good character."

One of the footpads who have been
terrorizing the inhabitants of other
cities, appears to have begun op-
erations in Victoria. About 5:30 last
evening Miss Brown, who resides on
Victoria crescent, was returning home
by the way of Belleville street. A man
who was walking in front of her, turned
round and thrust a revolver in her
face, and demanded her purse. Miss
Brown instead of complying with this
peremptory demand, screamed at the top
of her voice, and the would-be highway-
man desisted. The police were at
once notified, and although they have
made a diligent search, they have not
yet discovered anyone answering the
description given by Miss Brown.

Charles Wilson, accused of stealing
cornets from the Salvation Army, was
brought up in court this morning to
elect. He elected for a speedy trial and
at once pleaded guilty and Judge Wal-
kton sentenced him to a year's impris-
onment with hard labor. The prisoner
is an old offender, having been given a
short sentence in June, 1894, and in
August, 1894, he was found guilty of
stealing and Judge Drake ordered him
sent to the penitentiary for two years.
The prisoner at that time asked that
he should be sent to the penitentiary, so
that he might learn a trade. Judging
from the articles he recently stole his
stay at Westminster has changed his
choice of instruments and music—he
formerly stole lawn mowers.

STEEL RAIL POOL.

Manufacturers Have not yet Arrived at
an Agreement.

New York, Dec. 16.—Representatives
of the steel rail manufacturers of the
country met this morning at the Hol-
land House for the purpose of discussing
matters connected with the steel rail
pool. The meeting was a continuation
of the conference held yesterday, when pool
matters were thoroughly discussed, but
no agreement was reached. All the
large companies belonging to the pool
were represented. The most important
subject discussed concerned the percent-
age and allotment matters. A commit-
tee was appointed to consider the matter
from the standpoint of certain complain-
ing interests. The question of rates, it was
said to-day, had not figured prominently
in these conferences.

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THE SEALERS' CLAIMS

Some Evidence Taken in Relation
to the Seizure of the
Pathfinder.

The Carolina Case Closed as far
as Victoria Evidence is
Concerned.

When the commission resumed its sit-
ting yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice
Putnam for the commissioners refer-
red to the discussion which arose
yesterday morning as to the question of
the proportion of seals captured com-
pared with those shot. He read the
parts of the evidence in reference to
that question. It was quite clear to
him, he said, that if these questions
were allowed to stand in the printed re-
cords, Sir Charles Tupper was entitled
to continue his cross-examination in the
matter.

Sir Charles H. Tupper said that in
deference to the observations made by
the commissioners he would not exam-
ine the witness on the subject under
discussion.

Mr. Peters said that he did not see
any reason why any of this evidence
should be stricken out of the notes.

Mr. Dickinson said that unless the
British counsel insisted on its being
stricken out under the ruling given this
morning, he had no desire that it
should.

Capt. E. P. Miner was then re-called
and further cross-examined by Sir C.
H. Tupper. He said that his provision
bill of 1894 cost somewhat more than
the bill of 1888. He explained the dif-
ference by saying that probably he took
a little more provisions in 1894. Pro-
visions might have been cheaper in
1893 than in 1894, but he did not think
so.

Mr. Dickinson said that, save two or
three witnesses, who would be very
brief, and whom he would call as soon
as he could get them, this would close
his case in Victoria. As they had been
unable to get all the witnesses they
required to come to Victoria they would,
he said, be unable to altogether close
their case here.

Mr. Peters said that under those cir-
cumstances he did not propose to call
any rebuttal evidence until the United
States counsel closed their case, but
owing to a witness wishing to leave on a
sealing voyage he would call him now
in rebuttal. As there are a number of
witnesses also engaged in sealing who
are about to leave he would ask to be
allowed to take their evidence now out
of turn. It could be taken down and
typewritten and afterwards put in its
place.

Mr. Dickinson said that if the wit-
nesses were only to be examined in re-
gard to the catch he would agree, but
if they were to be examined as to the
other claims the United States counsel
would have to ask for time to prepare,
as they took up each case separately.

David Russell said he was on board
the schooner Carolina in 1889 and was
on board when she was in port at Un-
alaska. He and sixteen others were
put on board the steamer St. Paul and
sent to San Francisco. Provisions were
put on board the St. Paul from the
Carolina for them.

To Mr. Dickinson—They never set a
table for them on board the St. Paul.
Provisions were put on board for them
but there were no means of cooking
them. A man, whose name he thought
was Rowlands, came to him in Seattle
on Sunday last and asked him to come
to Victoria to give evidence in behalf
of the United States. He refused to
come. He did not say anything to
Rowlands of having to lie if he came.
He never told him that if he told the
truth in Victoria it hurt any person
he would never be able to come
back here again, nor did he say that
John Cottford's family would be ob-
liged to leave Victoria on account of
Mr. Cottford's testimony in the Car-
olina case. When the Carolina went to
Behring Sea in 1889 he stopped at
Chagatoot.

Mr. Bodwell—What did Mr. Bechtel
go on board for?

Mr. Dickinson objected, as it was
opening a new matter.

Mr. Bodwell—But you opened the
question yourself in cross-examination.

Mr. Dickinson then asked to be
allowed to withdraw his last question.

Mr. Bodwell—But you can't; it has
gone in.

The commissioners decided that Mr.
Bodwell might be allowed to ask the
question in rebuttal.

To Mr. Bodwell, the witness, contin-
uing, said that when the Carolina was
leaving Victoria Mr. Bechtel went on
board. He was sick until the schooner
reached Chagatoot, where he went ashore.
He (the witness) never heard Mr.
Bechtel give any orders to any one on
board.

To Mr. Dickinson—Mr. Bechtel was
not sick when going on board; he got
sick afterwards. The Carolina stayed
at Chagatoot from four to six days.
Mr. Bechtel never gave him any orders
while there, or did anything in connec-
tion with the work of fixing the canoes
brought from the Indians.

To Mr. Bodwell he told of the con-
versation between him and the man
Rowlands in Seattle. He came over
here, he said, in response to a telegram
from Mr. Munroe.

To Mr. Dickinson—He did not tell
Mr. Todd of Seattle that gentleman's
boiler works that Mr. Cottford was a
fool for coming to Victoria when he

could have made \$500 if he had not
come.

William D. Byers, re-called as to the
proportion of seals lost, said there was
a certain number of seals lost when
shot, about five per cent, he thought.

To Mr. Dickinson—Any disturbance
which awakens seals lessens the chance
of getting them.

As Mr. Byers leaves on Monday on
a sealing voyage he was examined in
the Pathfinder case, the claim of 1889.
He was a hunter on the schooner Path-
finder in 1889 and was on her when
in Behring Sea. They entered the sea
about the beginning of July. Twenty
men were carried and six boats. On
July 20th they were seized by the
United States cutter Rish. They had
between 800 and 900 seals on board.
The cutter put a man on board and
ordered them to go to Sitka. They never
went to Sitka—the captain told him
they could not find it—but came home.
They sealed for one day on their way
homeward in Behring Sea. They were
short of arms and got something under
fifty seals. Had they had their full
complement of arms they could have
taken at least 150 seals. They left the
sea on August 1st. Had nothing oc-
curred they intended to stay until Sep-
tember 1st.

An adjournment was taken at this
point until 10:30 this morning.

When the commission resumed its sit-
ting this morning Captain W. E. Baker
was called. As he is to leave soon on
a sealing cruise his evidence was taken
in reference to the various claims of
1889, to all of which it will be applic-
able.

Captain Baker said he was master of
the Viva in 1887, when he brought her
around from the eastern coast. He had
been sealing in Behring sea as master
every year since 1888, until last year.
In 1887 he was master of the Viva on
her sealing cruise. That year the Viva
had a total catch of 3461 skins, getting
589 on the California coast, 872 on the
northern coast and 2180 in Behring sea.
May 7 was the first day they got seals
and August 21 the last day. That was
the last day they sealed in Behring sea.
The Viva had a crew of 23 white men
and carried six hunting boats and a stern
boat. In 1888 he was also master of the
Viva on her sealing cruise. The first day
they sealed that year in Behring sea was
July 8, and September 2 the last. The
total catch in Behring sea was 1508
seals. In 1890 the Viva sealed in Beh-
ring sea from July 7 to September 12
and got 2015 seals.

Mr. Peters then asked to be allowed
to put a question to the witness as to
the number of seals captured each year
by him in Behring sea so as to show
the consistency of the sealing business as
against the testimony to its uncertainty
submitted by the United States counsel.

Mr. Dickinson objected to this ques-
tion, as there were no claims for prob-
able catches in those years.

Mr. Peters did not press the question.
Continuing his evidence under cross-
examination by Mr. Lansing, Captain
Baker said he made the largest catch of
the sealing fleet in Behring sea in 1888,
1889 and 1890. His hunters were mostly
experienced men, but not better than the
majority of the other schooners. Indian
hunters with spears and canoes are not
as good as white men with shot-guns
and boats.

Captain Baker was then examined by
Mr. Peters as to Claim 21, that of the
Pathfinder. In 1889 he said he was in
Neah Bay with the schooner Viva be-
tween March 25 and 30. He saw the
Pathfinder there repairing her rudder.
The Pathfinder was seized while he was
there by the United States cutter Cor-
win. The sealing grounds are about 30
miles from Neah Bay. He had no inter-
est, he said, in the Pathfinder, nor was
he interested in any of the claims before
the commission.

Captain Lachlan McLean, examined
in reference to the cases of 1888 and
1889, said he was master of the schooner
Favorite on her sealing cruises to Beh-
ring sea in 1887, 1888, and 1889. His
total catch in Behring sea in 1889 was
1365 seals. He did not hunt in the best
sealing grounds, as he was afraid of
seizure.

At this point an adjournment was
taken for lunch.

LOOKING TO KOOTENAY.

Report That the Great Northern Will
Build a Line Into Slokan.

Railroad officials admit there is every
indication that the Great Northern will
build to the Slokan, and that the road
will be completed within three years, if
not sooner, says the Spokesman-Review.
It has been an open secret that such a
road has been in contemplation ever
since the Slokan assumed such promi-
nence as a silver-producing region, for
the trade from there is expected to be
much larger than from Rossland. The
idea of a branch of the Great Northern
entering Rossland is scoffed at as im-
probable, but the fact remains that the
surveyors have started overland for that
camp and Mr. Hill is not spending his
money for the purpose of studying scenery
and climate.

Rosslanders have been told that the
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DAY'S SHIPPING NEWS

Boscovitz Arrives from the North and the Mischief from West Coast.

Steamer Alaska Secured by Spaniards to Carry Troops to Cuba.

"The Spanish Trans-Atlantic company has acquired, whether by purchase or merely charter, I am not yet sure," says a correspondent in the Marine Engineer of November 1, "the once famous steamer Alaska, for the purpose of carrying further troops to Cuba. Whether she is saying farewell to the British flag altogether or not, we may pretty certainly presume that the New York and Liverpool trade will see her no more. She was built in the Fairfield yard, and was the second of the record breakers built there, though she was the first to acquire the sobriquet of the Atlantic greyhound. She was built at a time when most of the New York lines felt it to their interest to secure something finer, larger and faster than they had yet attempted. It has been rumored that the Alaska was to be put on the Northern Pacific steamer line between Tacoma and the Orient. The foregoing announcement is considered as quite a strong refutation of the report.

The claims secured against the Northern Pacific company's steamer Strathmore by the owners, officers and crews of the steamship Minerva of the Canadian-Australian line and the collier Minola, have been settled. Yesterday the bonds against the Strathmore, amounting to \$175,000 were released, and both claims for salvage, \$27,000 for the Minerva and \$20,000 for the Minola were paid, checks for the above amounts having been given on a Tacoma bank by Attorney Ashton, representing the libelled steamer. The costs of the litigation amounted to over \$5,000.

The steamer Boscovitz, Capt. Oliver, returned from Nassau river and way ports this morning. She brought down but few passengers and 3000 cases of salmon. When the Boscovitz left Port Simpson, Mr. R. H. Hall, of the Hudson's Bay Company, who was injured by falling from the wharf, was slowly recovering, but his injuries are very painful and more serious than was at first supposed. The Boscovitz called at Bella Colia with some lumber for the government wharf, which was about completed when she left.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has engaged all the available space on the Canadian-Australian steamers for the five months ending with April. The company will utilize this space for shipping their flour to Australia. They have also secured space for 500 tons of flour on each of the Empresses for the months ending with March. This latter flour will be transhipped at Hongkong for Sydney and Queensland ports.

After a stormy trip to the West Coast the steamer Mischief, Capt. Foot, returned to port this morning. The Mischief went down to Kynquod and called at the majority of the intervening ports. As she passed the wreck of the schooner Puritan it was seen that the storms of the past week had played sad havoc with the vessel and she was almost completely broken up.

According to a private letter received by the Express of India, the U. S. cruiser Boston ran aground on one of the sand spits in Korean waters. She floated off with the high tide, but her plates were so seriously strained that she was leaking freely, and she will probably have to return home for permanent repairs.

The four-masted American schooner E. K. Wood, which left Puget Sound with a cargo of lumber for Tientsin, China, 140 days ago, is almost given up as lost by her owners. Fifty percent re-insurance is offered but there are no takers. Captain Hansen is in command and his crew all hailed from San Francisco.

PERSONAL

F. C. Harris, Vancouver, is at the New England.

A. J. McCallum, Cowichan, is at the New England.

Senator McInnes returned from the Midland last evening.

A. L. Cheney and wife, of Juneau, Alaska, are at the Driford.

C. D. Taprell, manager of the Hotel Vancouver, is at the Driford.

F. M. York and R. Draney returned from the Midland last night.

Capt. Lang, of the ship Marlborough Hill, is registered at the Oriental.

J. E. H. Nunnally, and A. J. Breese, Vancouver, are at the Driford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bloomfield, Vancouver, are guests at the New England.

E. M. Yarwood, Nanaimo, and Capt. Gibson, Chemung, are at the Driford.

La. Col. Peters, who is a passenger on last evening's Charnier from Vancouver, were passengers on the Charnier from Vancouver last evening. Mrs. Creighton will spend Christmas in Victoria.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE RING. CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The Evening Post says the decision in the fight was beyond the slightest doubt the result of a disgraceful criminal conspiracy. Besides the principals in the original plot the Post says another figure is now involved in the settlement of the scandal. This man is "Dr." B. B. Lee, who "happened to be at the Windsor hotel" when Sharkey was carried thither after the fight. The Post says it is announced that Lee was paid one thousand dollars for his services, which the rumor says consisted in an artificial production of evidence of a foul by operating on Sharkey. The Post also prints the statement that Lee approached a reputable physician with an offer of five hundred dollars if he would join Lee in stating that Sharkey's injuries were the result of a foul blow.

TOBIN WINS.

One of the finest glove contests for points ever given in Victoria was that witnessed at the Victoria Athletic club rooms, Johnson street, last evening, between Tobin, of the Imperieuse, and Delaney. Tobin won with a few points to spare. The affair went off with that spirit which characterizes all of the events put on by the management. The club intends giving a benefit to Delaney in the near future, the date of which will be announced in good season.

CORBETT STILL SEY.

New York, Dec. 17.—The conference between Dan Stuart and Jas. J. Corbett to arrange the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight was held in Jersey City this afternoon, Corbett fearing he would be liable to prosecution if he made the plans in this city.

THE OAR.

HARDING WANTS A MATCH.

Charles Richard Harding, of Chelsea, not being satisfied with his last defeat for the Sportsman championship challenge cup, will row the present holder, Jake Gaudaur, of Orillia, Canada, says the London Sportsman. The race must be strictly in accordance with the conditions laid down governing the cup contest, and also for the title of champion sculler of the world, any time in April next that will suit the Canadian, over the Thames championship course, for £250 a side, and will allow £25 expenses. In accordance with the challenge, Wm. Dewick, of the Prince Albert Hotel, Gathenshead-on-Tyne, on behalf of Harding's north country supporters, posted the first deposit of £50 in the hands of the representative of the Sportsman. Articles will be forwarded at once to the editor of the Sportsman.

Wag Harding, the ex-champion sculler of England, in company with several of his north country admirers, called at the Newcastle Chronicle office, and in answer to the challenge from Barry, said: "In reply to Barry, I cannot make out the reason why he should want to row Gaudaur when he can get a match with me. As Barry mentions, he challenged me for £100 a side, to row before he challenged Gaudaur, claiming that he was the best sculler in England. Barry had already seen his backer, and had arranged his stakes when he challenged me, whereas as soon as I saw the challenge I had to seek my backers, who are principally in the north of England. As soon as I had communicated with them I at once replied to Barry and offered to row for £250 a side. For this I received no reply. Now he says his attention is drawn to Gaudaur. A few weeks ago Barry challenged Johnson, who had never won a match race until he beat Emmett. He also challenged Joyce, who had never taken part in a race until he rowed Haines. What a difference there is between Joyce and Johnson and Gaudaur! The mention that he has won championship races in America is no doubt true, but in company who perhaps pulled him through, for what I know. He has not proved himself a sufficient sculler to challenge Gaudaur until he defeats me. I will give him that he has talked for the past three years (if doing so), but he has never come to make a match. I have once defeated him easily, and I will give him a chance of regaining the lost honor (if he can), but my opinion is that Barry is only acting on bravado, so I shall draw attention to myself from Gaudaur as I think I am entitled to try and to gain the laurels I lost to him."

SALT SPRING.

Salt Spring Island, Dec. 17.—A public hall has been erected at Broadwell's corner, half way between Vesuvius Bay and Ganges Harbor. It is 50 feet long by 20 feet wide and has a 14-foot ceiling. The cost of putting it up was defrayed by free labor and public subscriptions, and there is to be an entertainment held shortly to pay for heating and seats.

Quite a number of new houses have been erected lately, among them those of Messrs. T. H. Hansen, Frank Scott, A. Walter and B. Lund.

Mr. J. T. Collins, lately from England, is putting up a creamery and cheese factory at Vesuvius. All the plant is on the spot and it will be run by steam. Mr. Collins is a practical business man, holding a diploma for cheese-making awarded to him in the Old Country. Besides his main building at Vesuvius he will have a building in a position to receive milk from all parts of the island.

Mr. Poord's ranch of 410 acres has just changed hands, the present owner being Mr. Moffett, late of Alberni, who has just arrived with his wife and family.

The Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, of Wellesley, is at present on the island, holding special services.

MRS. CHAPMAN'S DEATH.

Was Thrown From the Train by a Sud-den Jolt.

The Calgary Herald contains the following particulars of Mrs. Chapman's lamentable death:

A very distressing accident occurred on Saturday at Medicine Hat. The train from the east arrived there within a few minutes of schedule time and after running up to the station commenced the usual routine of shunting the dining car to its siding and backing to the yard to receive the cars and attention generally bestowed at divisional points.

The train was backed rather sharply for say, 100 feet, and then the air brakes applied. This checked the progress of the train with the exception of the dining car, which, being previously uncoupled, ran on to its siding. The train following more slowly gave the switchman time to close the switch thus enabling the train to proceed to the yard for supervision.

Amongst other passengers travelling westward were two ladies in the first-class coach. One of these, a young married lady on her way from Belleville to Victoria, although cautioned by the news agent, went out on the rear platform of the first class coach about the time the train started backwards.

Exactly what happened is not known but it is surmised that she was standing on the bottom step and when the jar occurred occasioned by the "air" she swung around and fell between the cars her head striking the rail and stunning her. The train was moving slowly but surely. She was caught by the wheels, her head crushed to a jelly and the poor woman instantly killed.

It does not appear that blame attaches to anybody, but it would perhaps be well that passengers ought to be carefully informed that the train always backs into the yard and then returns to the platform before starting out, and that in view of their being engines constantly moving, passengers should on no account, particularly after nightfall, step off the train in the yard. The train crews change at Medicine Hat, and it appears the incoming crew leaves the train as soon as it arrives at the platform, and the new crew is kept busy examining brakes, etc., while the train is in the yard.

ERIE CANAL POWER.

To Be Used by the Chicago Electrical Companies.

New York, Dec. 17.—The World today says: "The Niagara Electrical Company, which owns electrical franchises and controls the power along Niagara Falls and Erie Canal, is extending its operations to Chicago. The company has obtained from the trustees the right to use the vast power of the great drainage canal, constructed by the city of Chicago. There has been quietude in the Illinois Chicago Electrical Development Company, which is to be the parent corporation of all the electrical schemes based on the drainage canal power. The president is Frank W. Hawley, of New York, who has been the chief promoter in the Erie canal electric plan.

STRIKE ON ERIE CANAL.

Italians Take Charge of the Works and Force the Men to Quit.

Syracuse, Dec. 17.—A big strike is going on on the works of the Erie Canal, west of this city. This morning about 300 Italians decided on a riot. Arming themselves with pickaxes they started in at Geddes at 8 o'clock and worked their way westward. Intense excitement prevailed as the men broke wheelbarrows and plank runways and induced, or rather intimidated, other workmen to quit work. They went to the work being done by John Dunfee & Co., and Bell & Sons, who are sub-contractors under Dunfee & Co., and induced the workmen to quit. As far as they got they have forced the men to quit. Complaint was made because they were not paid, and they declared their intention of going over the entire contract mentioned, which covers fifteen miles. Sheriff Austin has been asked to send a posse to suppress the riot and it is understood he has sent deputies to overtake the Italians. At nine o'clock Eugene Cunningham, superintendent for McDonald & Sayre, saw about thirty Italians who were determined to make trouble and endeavored to reason with them, but to no purpose. The Italians armed themselves with stones and threatened to hurl them at the men who refused to strike. Mr. Cunningham got a rifle and declared he would shoot the first man who threw a stone. For a time he held the riot at bay, but with the increase of numbers he was completely surrounded and beat and had to retreat as a matter of self-preservation.

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ABANDONED GOODS

Consisting of 1 case of champagne, 1 case of wine samples, 1 case of calico, 1 case of corsets, 1 case of men's cases of merchandise, 12 cases of sundries, 13 empty pickle kegs, 6 packages of miners' outfit.

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